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Isabel Turcios, director of the Casa del Migrante migrant services center delivers breakfasts of rice, beans and tortillas to migrants lined up outside, June 1, 2022 in Piedras Negras, Mexico.  
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# Asylum wait lists at U.S. border frustrate, confuse migrants

By ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico

(AP) — Opaque waiting lists at the Mexico border to gain a chance at obtaining asylum in the United States have persisted under President Joe Biden, leading many migrants to give up and cross illegally or languish for months in border towns.

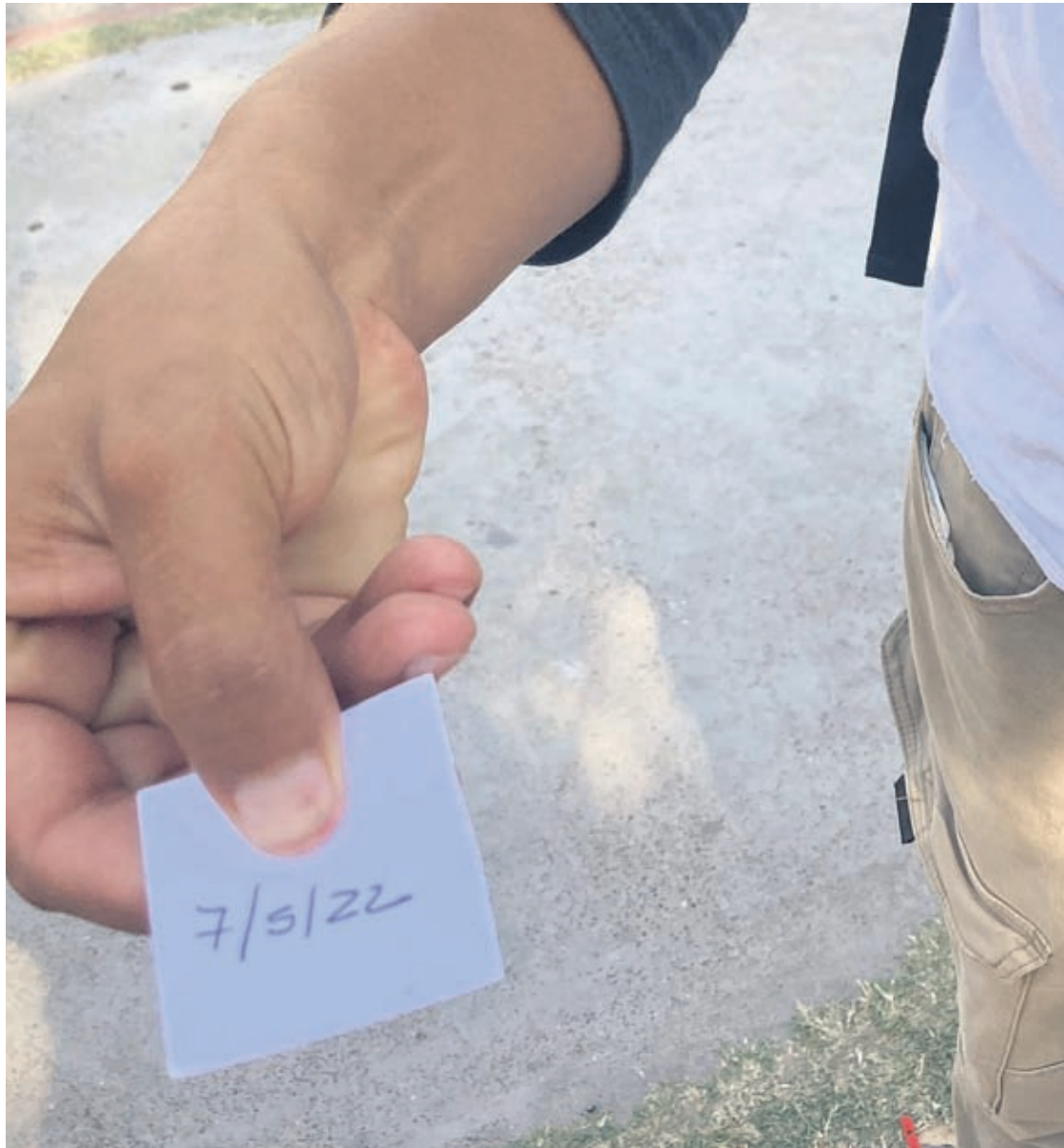
U.S. preparations in late April to end pandemic-related limits on asylum led to the latest round of registering names. In Tijuana, an online registry run by advocacy group Al Otro Lado soared to about 50,000. In Piedras Negras, a migrant services center's list ballooned to 2,000 before being halted.

Waiting lists were widely used under former President Donald Trump to deal with an increase in migrants from Mexico and Central America coming to the border, starting with large caravans in 2018. Circumstances are different now, but the process is similarly confusing. Migrants often don't know how to sign up or that lists even exist.

The latest chaotic episodes come as a spike in border crossings has become a political flashpoint for Biden, with Republicans saying he's not doing enough to stop them. At a meeting with Biden in Washington on Tuesday, Mexican President Andres Manuel López Obrador spoke of challenges that were brutally underscored by 53 migrants who died last month after being abandoned in a sweltering tractor-trailer in San Antonio.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection began taking 70 asylum-seekers a day in San Diego in late April — half chosen by Al Otro Lado, which prioritizes how long migrants have waited, and half by Border Angels, which selected from Tijuana migrant shelters.

The Biden administration says it prioritizes the most "vulnerable" — which may include LGBTQ migrants, those with severe medical conditions or those facing imminent physical danger



On May 21, 2022, a migrant displays an appointment slip to be interviewed at Casa del Migrante migrant services center on May 7, 2022 for possible entry to the United States. The interview was canceled after overwhelming demand.

Associated Press

in Mexico — but the criteria is vague and mysterious for many.

Nongovernmental organizations play a "critical role," helping select migrants and communicating with U.S. authorities, CBP Commissioner Chris Magnus said in a recent interview.

"Is it a perfect system? Certainly not, but that has been a very important part of the equation, these relationships," Magnus said.

When U.S. authorities told a small shelter in Ciudad Acuña that they wanted 26 families at the border crossing with Del Rio, Texas, false word spread that Magaly Pérez, director of the San Antonio Community Center, was managing a list.

"The next day we had 100 people at the door," Pérez said. "The day after that we had 300 people. It spun out of control."

Haphazard, often-dubious arrangements popped up

along the border under Trump's administration. In Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas, a migrant shelter registered asylum-seekers by writing numbers on their arms with black ink. After widespread criticism, migrants instead were given numbered plastic wristbands, some of which were sold or given away.

In San Luis Rio Colorado, near Yuma, Arizona, an asylum-seeker who managed a list picked a successor when his number came up.

In Piedras Negras, the city government named the owner of a local steakhouse to oversee its list.

The Biden administration maintained Trump's policy of denying migrants a chance to seek asylum on grounds of preventing spread of COVID-19, and a federal judge's order has kept the pandemic-related authority known as Title 42

authority in place after it was due to expire on May 23.

The U.S. grants some exemptions to Title 42, but the rule has been unevenly enforced by nationality, with single adults and families from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador most affected.

The U.S. accepted an average of 423 migrants a day at official crossings in May, 308 in March and 418 in February, according to court filings. April's daily average of 1,614 was inflated by a temporary increase from Ukraine.

Migrants getting picked from Al Otro Lado's list typically registered a year ago, Soraya Vazquez, deputy director of advocacy for the group's office in Tijuana, said. The group also works remotely with migrants in Piedras Negras and other select other border cities.

A survey by the University

of Texas' Strauss Center tallied 27,135 names on waiting lists in eight Mexico border cities in May — before Al Otro Lado's soared to about 50,000 by late June. An orderly system will be critical if Title 42 ends, and CBP is exploring an online platform.

In Piedras Negras, Isis Peña, 45, of Honduras registered on Casa del Migrante's short-lived waiting list on April 29. When she came for her interview five days later, she was told openings to claim asylum were no longer available. "We wanted someone to give us hope," said Peña, who later crossed illegally to Eagle Pass with her 19- and 20-year-old sons and was expelled under Title 42.

Peña — whose family is now homeless and scrounging for food — latches on to frequent, unfounded rumors that the Biden administration is about to open the border.

"The information is very complicated, and the ways to access the system are very complicated," said Edgar Rodriguez, Casa del Migrante's legal advisor.

A lack of shelters means many of the roughly 300 largely Honduran migrants who line up for takeout hot breakfasts six mornings a week at Casa del Migrante sleep outside.

As a group of women waited for food in June, one joyfully shared a text message from an Al Otro Lado attorney: "Congratulations! You have been approved for humanitarian parole." It included instructions to report to the Eagle Pass border crossing the next day at 5 a.m.

Kenia Carcamo, who was expelled from Eagle Pass under Title 42, never heard of the list.

"It's a lucky roulette," Carcamo said.

Joan Leiva, a gay man who fled persecution in Honduras, enrolled with Al Otro Lado in May and slept in a park in Ciudad Acuña until police kicked out migrants. "We are adrift," Leiva, 31, said. "We don't know where to go to ask for information. No one tells us." □





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## LGBTQ harassment, slurs abound on social media, report says

By AMANDA SEITZ  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Social media platforms including Facebook and TikTok are failing to stop hate and threats against LGBTQ users, a report issued Wednesday from advocacy group GLAAD found.

Those are some of the internet's most vulnerable users, with a majority of LGBTQ people saying they've faced menacing posts or comments when they're scrolling through social media. But it's unclear how social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter and YouTube are handling those threats. Instead of protecting their users, GLAAD says in the report, the tech companies are safeguarding information about how they respond to those attacks, revealing few details about how often they take down posts or accounts that push hate speech or harass LGBTQ users.

"The reality is, there's very little transparency and very little accountability," said Jenni Olson, GLAAD's director for social media safety and author of the report. "And people feel helpless." Los Angeles resident Peter Sapinsky, a gay musician who said he has faced harassment in the online gaming community, shared screenshots with The Associated Press of dozens of messages he's sent to YouTube about users and videos that use racist and homophobic slurs. YouTube has responded to only some of the messages, he said.



The TikTok app logo appears in Tokyo, on Sept. 28, 2020.

Sapinsky, 29, said some use YouTube to livestream themselves harassing people at Pride parades. They quickly delete those live videos once they've wrapped to evade being detected by YouTube for violating its policies against hate speech, he said. He listed a series of homophobic slurs he's heard in videos posted by users who are still operating on the site.

"YouTube doesn't do anything about it," Sapinsky said. "For someone who says they don't allow hate on the website, they sure do." Hateful or violent speech directed at members of the LGBTQ community is prohibited on the platform, YouTube spokesperson

Jack Malon said. "Over the last few years, we've made significant progress in our ability to quickly remove hateful and harassing content," Malon said. "This work is ongoing, and we appreciate the thoughtful feedback from GLAAD."

A Twitter spokesperson said in a statement that the company was discussing the report's findings with GLAAD. A statement from TikTok did not directly ad-

dress the report but said the company is working to create an "inclusive environment."

GLAAD recommended that the platforms start releasing the training methods for content moderators as well as the number of accounts and posts the companies remove for violating rules designed to protect LGBTQ users.

GLAAD's report examines the policies and actions Facebook, Instagram, You-

Tube, TikTok and Twitter have implemented around LGBTQ issues.

All of the social media platforms have outlined policies that are designed to prevent LGBTQ users from being harassed, threatened or discriminated against by other users because of their identity.

Twitter and TikTok also have specific policies against intentionally misgendering, using the wrong pronoun to describe someone, for example, or deadnaming, which involves reviving a transgender person's name from before the person transitioned to a new identity. Meta, which owns Facebook and Instagram, said it removes similar posts upon request.

Some users bully LGBTQ people on social media by misgendering or deadnaming them. One example came last month, when a conservative social media pundit sent a swarm of Twitter users to harass transgender actor Elliot Page with the wrong pronoun and name. That Twitter user was suspended under the company's hateful conduct policy.

"The idea that these figures with millions of followers are bullying and harassing trans people, for being trans, is just wrong," Olson said. □

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# Officer, once beaten by colleagues, to lead Boston police

By **ALANNA DURKIN RICHER**  
**Associated Press**

**BOSTON (AP)** — A former Boston police officer who was beaten more than 25 years ago by colleagues who mistook him for a shooting suspect will be the new leader of the city's police department, Mayor Michelle Wu announced Wednesday.

Michael Cox, 57, will return to his hometown of Boston after working as the police chief in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to lead of the same force he once brought a civil rights case against over his beating by fellow cops. Cox, who is Black, will take over as commissioner next month.

Cox described his appointment is an "emotional moment" for him, apologizing during a call with reporters for his voice quivering. He promised to work to diversify the police department — which critics have long complained doesn't look enough like the city it serves — and make sure officers feel supported in their job to protect the community.

"I think this is a very exciting time. I think the officers need someone to support them," Cox told reporters Wednesday. "And I'm going to their biggest cheerleader."



**Michael Cox, who has been named as the next Boston police commissioner, faces reporters during a news conference, Wednesday, July 13, 2022, in Boston's Roxbury neighborhood.**

**Associated Press**

Before becoming chief in Ann Arbor in 2019, Cox was part of the Boston police force for 30 years, where he rose through the ranks after fighting for years to get justice over his beating that left him seriously injured at the age of 29.

Cox was working undercover in plainclothes as part of the gang unit in January 1995 when officers got a call about a shooting. Cox, dressed in jeans and a sweatshirt, spotted the suspect and started to chase

him. The suspect started to scale a fence and Cox was struck from behind just as he was about to grab the man, Cox said. He was kicked and punched by fellow officers, suffering head injuries and kidney damage.

"It was humiliating what happened to me," Cox told former Boston Globe reporter Dick Lehr for Lehr's book about the beating: "The Fence: A Police Cover-Up Along Boston's Racial Divide."

"There's no reason to treat anyone like that. And then to just leave them. And if they do it to me — another police officer — would they do it to another person if they got away with it?" Cox said.

Cox has described facing harassment in an effort to silence him after the beating became public despite efforts by his colleagues to cover it up. A department injury report said Cox lost his footing on a frozen puddle, causing him to fall and

crack his head.

Cox chose to stay in the police force after what happened to him and try to improve things instead of walking away from a job he loved, he said Wednesday.

"Since then in 1995, I have dedicated my life to making sure that both the Boston police department and policing in general has grown and learned ... to make sure that we have structures and mechanisms in place to make sure that we never repeat that kind of incident against anyone," Cox told reporters.

The top prosecutor for Boston and surrounding communities, who has known Cox for years, called him "a man of high honor and integrity."

"The journey of Michael Cox from being beaten by fellow Boston Police officers to his appointment as Commissioner of the Boston Police Department is emblematic of criminal legal reform," Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden said in an emailed statement.

Cox's tenure in Ann Arbor was marred by claims that he created a hostile work environment, which led to him being briefly placed on administrative leave in 2020. □

# Bodies of missing man, 3 kids found in Indianapolis pond

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — The bodies of a man and his three young children who vanished last week after leaving for a fishing trip were found along with a submerged car in the pond where they were headed, authorities said Wednesday.

The bodies discovered Tuesday night are those of Kyle Moorman, 27, of Indianapolis, and his children: 1-year-old Kyran Holland, 2-year-old Kyannah Holland and 5-year-old Kyle Moorman II, the Marion County Coroner's Office confirmed. The causes and manners of their deaths were pending.

The family went missing after leaving on July 6 to go



**A car that matches the description of Kyle Moorman's vehicle was removed from the crime scene after the bodies of a man and three children were found Tuesday, July 12, 2022, on Bluff Road in Indianapolis.**

**Associated Press**

to the pond on Indianapolis' south side.

Officers went to the pond Tuesday night after a re-

port of a dead person in the water. A man was pronounced dead, and a dive team later found a vehicle

with the bodies of three children inside, police said. "Detectives are working to piece together what led up to this incident," police said in a statement.

Family and friends of the Moormans had offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to their whereabouts. They had searched the pond and the surrounding area for days. A private helicopter and volunteers with a personal boat also searched Tuesday, The Indianapolis Star reported.

Moorman's sister Mariah Moorman had said her brother's phone last pinged near the pond about 12:40 a.m. on July 7, a few hours after he was seen. She said her brother often goes night

fishing. "As far as we know, he was coming out here to go fishing," she told The Indianapolis Star on Monday. "That's what he told my sister. It's not odd. He does it all the time."

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department first revealed that the family had disappeared on Sunday. Earlier this week, police said officers searched the area and other locations on foot and using drones.

William Muse, a relative of Kyle Moorman's mother, said Tuesday he and other family members were frustrated investigators didn't search the pond sooner. "They should have at least tried," Muse said. □



## Amid COVID worries, fist bumps for Biden — with exceptions

Associated Press

**TEL AVIV, Israel (AP)** — The White House said President Joe Biden would try to limit physical contact during his Middle East trip because of concern about rising COVID-19 cases — but the president swiftly reverted to his old-school, back-slapping ways after landing in Israel on Wednesday.

He doled out a few fist bumps after stepping off the plane but then threw an arm around Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid and shook hands with former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The issue of contact is arising amid intense speculation about Biden's upcoming meeting with leaders in Saudi Arabia and whether he will shake hands with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who U.S. intelligence officials said probably sanctioned the killing of a critic. It remained to be seen how Biden would greet other Israeli, Palestinian and Arab leaders during his trip, which includes a summit in Saudi Arabia of the Gulf Cooperation Council. Later Wednesday in Jerusalem at Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial



President Joe Biden fist bumps Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid, right, after arriving at Ben Gurion Airport, Wednesday, July 13, 2022, in Tel Aviv, as President Isaac Herzog, left, looks on.

Associated Press

to Holocaust victims, Biden held hands and kissed the cheeks of survivors Rena Quint, 86, and Giselle Cy-cowicz, who is about 95. "Did you see the president hug me?" Quint asked. "He asked permission to kiss me and he kept on holding my hand and we were told not to touch him."

A new omicron variant, which is able to more easily evade immunity from vaccinations and previous

infections, has revived concerns about the threat of the pandemic.

"We're trying to minimize contact as much as possible where we can," White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters traveling aboard Air Force One with the president.

But such precautions did not appear to be in place on Tuesday before Biden left for the Middle East,

when he mingled and shook hands with members of Congress at a White House picnic.

Biden is set to meet with Saudi King Salman and the crown prince when he flies to the kingdom on Friday. The highly anticipated meeting is being closely scrutinized as the White House looks to reset the U.S.-Saudi relationship after a rocky start in the Biden presidency. □

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## Foundation: \$250 million lawsuit filed over Beirut blast

By BASSEM MROUE

Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Families of some of the victims of Beirut's deadly port blast have filed a \$250 million lawsuit against an American-Norwegian firm suspected of involvement in bringing the explosive material to the port, a Swiss foundation announced Wednesday.

Accountability Now, which says its mission is to support Lebanese civil society efforts to put an end to the impunity of the country's leaders, said the lawsuit was filed Monday. There are nine plaintiffs who are either Americans or relatives of an American, the group said.

The move comes as a domestic investigation in Lebanon has been stalled since December, following

legal challenges brought by officials wanted for questioning against the investigative judge working on the case.

Hundreds of tons of ammonium nitrate, a highly explosive material used in fertilizers that had been improperly stored in the port for years, exploded on Aug. 4, 2020 killing nearly 220 people, injuring over 6,000 others and causing damage worth billions of dollars.

The Lebanese probe shows that most government officials knew of the dangerous material stored at the port. The blast worsened the country's economic meltdown rooted in decades of corruption and mismanagement that began a year earlier.

Accountability Now said the \$250 million lawsuit

filed in Texas names U.S.-Norwegian geophysical services group TGS, which owns the British firm Spectrum Geo, saying it had entered into a series of "highly profitable but suspicious contracts with the Ministry of Energy in Lebanon." It added that in 2012, Spectrum chartered the Moldavian flagged vessel Rhosus to come to Beirut while carrying 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate on board.

"This claim will force TGS to disclose Spectrum's communications with various third parties who are all relevant to the investigations in Lebanon," said Zena Wakim, a lawyer for Accountability Now who assisted the plaintiffs.

Wakim said the domestic investigation is currently stalled by obstruction and

the additional evidence "we could get through this case will help the judiciary in Lebanon and outside of Lebanon to assign individual responsibilities and hence hold the perpetrators accountable."

Sarah Copland, whose son Isaac was the youngest victim of the blast that destroyed the port and damaged entire Beirut neighborhoods, tweeted that "in a step forward in the pursuit of justice for the #beirutblast a lawsuit has been filed in the US against the company that chartered the ship that brought" the material to Beirut.

Copland, an Australian citizen, said her son, Isaac was a U.S. citizen, "so we have joined this lawsuit on his behalf, but also on behalf of all victims." □



# Africa looks to private sector to fund ocean climate action

By **WANJOHI KABUKURU**  
**MOMBASA, Kenya (AP)** — Countries on Africa's east coast are increasingly turning to climate funding initiatives to boost livelihoods of oceanside communities, aid biodiversity and take climate action.

On the margins of the high-level political forum on sustainable development currently underway at the United Nations headquarters in New York, African coastal and island states and conservation groups outlined plans to boost ocean conservation and economic development through a system of "blue bonds" a method of financing projects that would also benefit ocean health.

Following on from Africa's Great Green Wall, which spans across the continent's Sahel region, east African nations are now seeking funds for the Great Blue Wall initiative, which aims to protect marine areas across the coastline. Both blue and green finance refers to funding aimed at preventing environmental damage and combating climate change while creating sustainable ecosystems.

"The blue bond is a pow-



Fish swim near dead coral in Kisite Mpunguti Marine park, Kenya, Saturday, June 11, 2022.

Associated Press

erful example of the critical role that the capital markets can play in supporting sustainable objectives," said Jorge Familiar, Vice President of the World Bank.

The Great Blue Wall initiative, launched last year by ten western Indian Ocean states during the U.N.'s climate conference in Glasgow, aims to create a network of coastal and marine protected areas

which supporters say would restore and conserve some 2 million hectares of ocean, capture 100 million tons of carbon dioxide and secure livelihoods for over 70 million people.

The project spans the continent's east coast from Somalia to South Africa and includes the island states of Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Somalia and the French territories, Mayotte and Re-

union.

Jean-Paul Adam, who heads the climate division at the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa, said the blue wall initiative would recognize "the true value the environment has in future wealth creation and empowerment of local communities".

"We need to dramatically upscale private sector investment into green and blue sectors," he said.

Less than one percent of so-called blue and green bonds, which are used for marine and land projects respectively, are issued for African countries.

"The next steps are to make these markets more accessible to African countries," he added.

The U.N. says many of the financial climate promises made by richer countries are not being committed to in full, meaning that many African nations are unable to take necessary adaptation and mitigation measures against the effect of climate change.

In its latest assessment, the African Development Bank said that between \$1.3 trillion and \$1.6 trillion is needed by 2030 to implement climate action in line with nationally determined contributions — targets set by individual countries to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees F) and no more than 2C (3.6 F). But blue bonds are currently just a fraction of ocean conservation funding, the bank added.

"Bonds alone are not a panacea for the financing gap but they can allow us to raise large amounts," Adam said. □

# Dozens dead, injured in Haiti's capital in gang clashes



Armed forces secure the area of state offices of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Monday, July 11, 2022.

Associated Press

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— Dozens of people have died in four days of gang battles in a violent neighborhood of Haiti's capital, the latest eruption of bloodshed in a wave of increasing violence sweeping the country, local officials said

Tuesday.

Jean Hilsain Frederick, deputy mayor in Cite Soleil district of Port-au-Prince, said that the fighting erupted Friday in a clash between members of two rival gangs and that at least 50 people had died and more than 50

were wounded.

The violence began just a day after the first anniversary of the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. Since Moïse was killed, violence has soared in Haiti as gangs battle over territory, and the government has struggled to crack down.

The aid group Doctors Without Borders said that thousands of people were trapped in Cite Soleil without drinking water, food and medical care.

The organization called on other humanitarian groups for help and it urged the gangs "to spare civilians." In a press release, it said three of its members were treating wounded people in an area of Cite Soleil called Brooklyn.

"Along the only road into Brooklyn, we have en-

countered corpses that are decomposing or being burned," Mumuza Muhindo, Doctors Without Borders head of mission in Haiti, said in the statement. "They could be people killed during the clashes or people trying to leave who were shot it is a real battlefield."

It is not possible to estimate how many people have been killed."

Local officials said the fighting involved the rival gangs known as G9 and G-Pep.

The G9 is a gang coalition also known as G9 Family and Allies, led by a former police officer, Jimmy Cherizier.

Known as "Barbecue," Cherizier has been linked in the past to massacres, and his coalition is believed to have allied with Moïse's

right-wing party. After the president was killed, he called the crime "cowardly and villainous."

G-Pep is a gang that arose in Cite Soleil, although it is allied with other armed groups from around Haiti's capital.

The U.N. World Food Program warned Tuesday that hunger is set to rise in Haiti, which is seeing 26% inflation, high costs of food and fuel, and deteriorating security with insecurity in and around Port-au-Prince drastically worsening since early May.

The agency's country director, Jean-Martin Bauer, told U.N. correspondents in a video news conference that 1.3 million Haitians in the northwest and parts of the south "are one step away from famine." □



## AHATA: Hotel RevPAR in first half of 2022 was 13% lower than in 2019

**ORANJESTAD** –The Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association has published the latest hotel performance data reporting that in June 2022 Aruba hotels recovered strongly and experienced a 81% average occupancy rate. The average of first 6 months still stayed below 2019 levels.

### June 2022:

**Occupancy:** The occupancy rate was 81%, which is a recovery of 97% compared to 2019 occupancy rate.

**ADR:** In comparison to 2019, the average daily rate (for occupied rooms) increased by 22% to \$277.52.

**RevPAR:** The revenue per available room was \$223.97, which is a 19% increase over 2019.

### Year-to-date 2022:

**Occupancy:** The average occupancy for the first six months of 2022 was 71%, which is 17% less than in 2019.

**ADR:** The average daily rate (for occupied rooms) increased by 5% to \$316.68.

**RevPAR:** The revenue per available room was \$225.16, a 13% decrease from 2019.

### Timeshare:

AHATA's Timeshare properties experienced a 85% oc-

cupancy rate in June, and project an average occupancy of 86% in July 2022.

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### First Half 2022 vs 2019

#### AHATA Hotel Performance

June YTD	2022	2019	% change
ARN	936,053	883,183	6.0%
ORN	665,531	758,472	-12.3%
OCC	71.1%	85.9%	-17.2%
ADR	\$316.68	\$300.47	5.4%
RevPAR	\$225.16	\$258.04	-12.7%

### June 2022 vs 2019

#### AHATA Hotel Performance

June	2022	2019	% change
Rooms	5,252	4,930	6.5%
ARN	156,838	148,058	5.9%
ORN	126,573	122,876	3.0%
OCC	80.7%	83.0%	-2.8%
ADR	\$277.52	\$227.32	22.1%
RevPAR	\$223.97	\$188.65	18.7%

### OCCUPANCY FORECAST:

	Occupancy Forecast	Recovery compared to 2019
July	86%	97%
August	78%	90%
September	71%	89%
2022	74%	87%

## Aruba will provide update on implementation of SDGs at the UN Together with other countries within the Kingdom

Today, thursday 14th of July, prime minister of Aruba, Evelyn Wever-Croes will be at the Headquarters of the United Nations for the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable De-

velopment Goals. This will take place in New York. During these meetings, she will present the SDGs report from the Kingdom of the Netherlands, together with minister Schreinemacher

from the Netherlands and the prime minister of Sint Maarten, Silveria Jacobs.

The presence of Wever-Croes at the High Level Political Forum is an opportuni-

ty to focus on the work that Aruba is doing and present this on a global platform. The goal of the meetings in New York is also to carry out dialogues with other countries which are also presenting their SDGs report, and to exchange knowledge and experiences in achieving the sustainable development goals for 2030. The SDGs report is a report that, as countries within the Kingdom, is done voluntarily.

Today there will be various important meetings, bilateral encounters with other countries and the participation of Aruba in this event is an opportunity to position our island as a global partner in sustainable development, as well as creating more opportunities for Aruba to implement the SDGs.

For this occasion, Aruba prepared a report on how we are implementing the SDGs, and this report will be presented at the United Nations as part of the report from the whole Kingdom.

The SDG Commission Aruba organized various sessions to involve the community in order to find out how citizens or local organizations are implementing the SDGs. Based on this, the report was prepared, and will be presented by the prime minister today at the United Nations.

The report from the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which includes Aruba, can be accessed online through the following link: <https://hlpf.un.org/countries/netherlands/voluntary-national-review-2022>





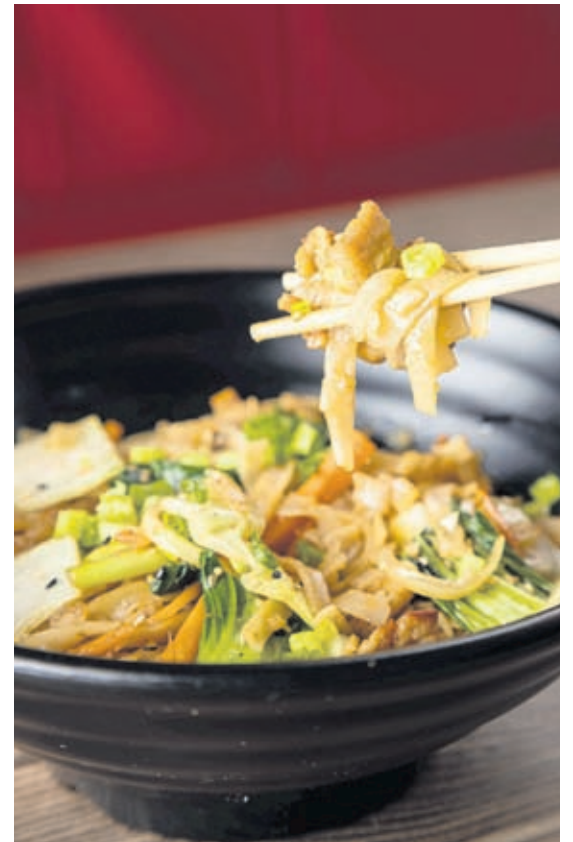
## Bowls Noodle Bar invites you to a Happy Hour with a unique flavor



**Bowls Noodle Bar recently opened at their new location at The Village, near the High Rise Hotels. To celebrate, they are launching their new Happy Hour from 9pm to 11pm every day.**

Before the pandemic, Bowls Noodle Bar opened at the Hyatt by the airport, and was in the process of opening a second location at The Village when the pandemic hit. Due to the consequences of the pandemic, they decided to close the restaurant by the airport and open their new location at The Village. Their new location has been open for about six months to great results.

At The Village, night time is the best time. This is why they are now offering a daily Happy Hour, from 9pm to 11pm. It includes \$3 beer and \$5 cocktails.



and the oil, and these are very important for the traditional Japanese soups. At Bowls Noodle Bar, they have a wide variety of flavors to cater to every taste, like the famous Pork Chashu. It comes with fresh ramen noodles, and it's the pride of Bowls Noodle Bar. Chef Warren says that the broth for this soup takes two to three days to make, and is made in-house, with fresh and delicious ingredients. They also cater to vegetarians and vegans, with various options on the menu like tofu mushroom soup, vegetable gyoza, wonton, and fresh kimchi fermented at the restaurant.

The wok concept also allows you to create your own unique dish, choosing your base, protein, vegetables and sauce.

### Origin

The founders of Bowls Noodle Bar, Dexter Moreno and his partner Lai, opened their first location on Curaçao. They traveled to Japan to study Japanese Cuisine, and they fell in love with Japanese soup. Lai's parents are Chinese, and this is the start of the Asian-fusion flavors that are both surprising and delectable, combining Japanese, Chinese and even some Korean cuisine. Chef Warren was trained in these traditional flavors by the founders themselves.

They came to Aruba where Dexter approached some ex-colleagues in the industry to open a location on the island, and with a local team, opened Bowls Noodle Bar Aruba with a more extensive menu.

Opening hours are Monday to Thursday 5pm – 11:30pm; Friday and Saturday 5pm – 12pm; and Sunday 5pm – 11:30pm. Come visit for great atmosphere, delicious flavors, and a Happy Hour to remember! ☐

Their cocktails are made in-house with a unique fusion of Asian flavors, for example, the popular purple Ube Mojito, with the flavor of traditional Ube, a Japanese dessert; the Blue Samurai with ginger flavor; and the refreshing Fruity Blossoms, with a flavor encompassing the Sakura, the famous Japanese Cherry Blossoms. You can try all these for only \$5 each during Happy Hour.

Fusion is at the core of the unique flavors of Bowls Noodle Bar, and this is expressed beautifully in their traditional Japanese soups. They are the only restaurant in Aruba that has most of the noodles traditionally used, Udon, Ramen, and Rice noodles. Ramen noodles, served fresh, are a surprising flavor for those who are used to dried ramen noodles. They also have Jasmine rice for the rice bowls.

Their authentic soups are the highlight and star. Chef Warren explains that there are four main components to the soup: the broth, the noodles, tare,



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perfect dinner option for families with kids as well. The menu consists of original y traditional classic napsel recipes and the pasta is fresh home made every day.

Patrizia's of New York is situated in the old Tony Roma's building and is open daily from 4pm till 11.30pm.

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## 297 Baseball Academy's College Summer Prospect League



**297 Baseball Academy was started in 2019 with the goal of developing and training local baseball players to help get them recruited to colleges in the United States.**

The international recruiting process can be very challenging and overwhelming. 297 Baseball Academy works with both the players and their families to find the "best fit" both athletically and academically. Over the past two years, the academy has helped ten players realize their dream of playing college baseball and helped one player get recruited to a private collegiate preparatory high school.

297 Baseball Academy is currently running a College Summer Prospect League which allows college coaches and scouts to watch live streamed games. Many of the players recruitment success was due to their participation in last summers league as well as owner, Brodie Carey's history as Division One Baseball and his connection to colleges coaches and MLB scouts. The current league runs from July 6th to July 29th.

From August 1st to 8th, 297 Baseball Academy will be hosting 106 baseball players and their families from Westbrook, Maine. The 297 Baseball Experience allows teams from the United States to visit Aruba and play local talent, while experiencing the culture of island. The Super-Nova team will be playing several local teams at Joe Laveist Stadium and participating in a community service event.

On July 10th, 297 Baseball Academy hosted their annual Collegiate Signing Night at 5:00 pm at the Paseo Herencia Ballroom. Six local student athletes signed their College Letter of Intent to attend school and play baseball in the United States. The players will be attending schools in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Virginia. The following student athletes are:

### **Brandon Vero Hoffijzer**

Cayuga Community College. A NJCAA a two-year community college in Auburn, New York. A member of the Mid-state Atlantic Conference. Brandon home field is the Falcon Park a minor league baseball stadium. Their mascot is the Spartans.

### **Dyrenson Wouters**

Southern New Hampshire University, Penway-Manchester, New Hampshire. A NCAA Division II, four-year university. A member of the Eastern College Athletic Conference and the Northeast-10 Conference. There have been 12 MLB draft picks from the school with one making it to the major leagues. Their mascot is the Penmen.

### **Keith Hooker**

Central Maine Community College- Auburn, Maine.) NJCAA-National Junior College Athletic Association. Member of the North New England Small College Conference. Their mascot is the Mustang.

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Central Maine Community College. NJCAA-National Junior College Athletic Association. Member of the North New England Small College Conference. Their mascot is the Mustang.

### **ShammyThayne Maximiliana**

University of Lynchburg in Virginia. NCAA Division III. They are a member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. There have been 17 players drafter to the MLB and two Major Leaguers. Their mascot is the Hornets.

### **Jayden Pietersz**

Winchendon Academy (Private Collegiate Prep High School) in Massachusetts. Several graduates have attended D1 Baseball including Dayton University, Northeastern University, Holy Cross, University of Massachusetts, Gardner Webb, and Quinnipiac. □



## Janice and Oslin Boekhoudt, more than 20 years teaching and entertaining with their swing and flavor

**Janice Boekhoudt Kock isn't unknown in the world of dancing and entertainment in Aruba. Janice, together with her husband Oslin Boekhoudt started the first salsa dance school in Aruba, Pachanga. During an interview with our reporter, Janice told us about her career as a dancer, how she started and what inspired the couple to start their dance school Pachanga.**

Janice says that she started dancing from a young age, because her mom, Mrs. Ceslin Yarzagaray and her father Mr. Franklin Kock had a dance group called Danza Aruba, and ever since she was young, she danced with the group, participating and shows and presentations in different venues.

Later she met her now-husband, Oslin Boekhoudt, and the moment they started the dance school Pachanga together was in the year 2000. In the beginning, Janice explains, Simadansa approached her husband Oslin for him to start giving salsa lessons, and Janice began helping

him with this.

"I always danced, my parents danced, so I was brought up in the world of dance. I didn't know anything else. And when I met my husband, that he had the same passion for dance, that's how we started the dance school Pachanga", Janice says.

The reason why Janice and Oslin started with the dance school Pachanga in Aruba was because there was a big demand for salsa lessons. "We would go to dance at certain places, and as soon as they played salsa, most people would leave the dance floor and there wasn't anyone dancing. So we realized, the will and interest was there, and that's how we started", she said.

Janice emphasizes that although naturally there were different schools of dance, these were focused a lot more on folkloric dance and classical dance like ballet, and very few had actual Latin dance. She explains also that Oslin was a dance instructor in the Netherlands for many years

before, and he also saw the possibility to open the dance school. And that's how finally they came to the decision to open Pachanga in the year 2000.

Janice and Oslin have represented Aruba in various countries abroad, for example in Suriname, the Netherlands, Curaçao and Venezuela, for dance competitions, to give dance workshops, or doing shows. In 2002, the couple won the main title of World Champions of Salsa, and in 2004 they competed in Curaçao and manage to win the main title one more time.

"We always see the possibility to promote the name of Aruba, to promote the name of Pachanga, so that the world knows that the people of Aruba can also dance", Janice says.

She told us she enjoys dancing anything, and she dominates all types of dance, and wherever she and Oslin go, they can represent the island. "I like salsa, bachata, kizomba, zouk, samba, merengue... so I love all types of dance, because in this way I can represent myself and I can represent Aruba."

Last year, Janice was studying, and through her studies and because of the situation with the Covid pandemic, she had less available time and the dance school was not operating as often as before. But she said they were still offering private lessons for those who wish to learn to dance salsa 'with swing and flavor', and for anyone who is interested in learning to dance any style of Latin dance.

"Mi wish is to finish my studies to start doing shows again, to get on stage again, and maybe that I can start the dance school like it used to be before", she said.





# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS** 44 Aerosol output

1 Temple figure

6 Match in value

11 German sub

12 Reluctant reply

13 Some messages

14 Seminar group

15 Loquacious

17 Clerk on "The Simpsons"

19 Put down

20 D.C. baseballer

23 Admits

25 Undiluted

26 Bad place for a mind

28 Pants part

29 Where many jokes are set

30 Lobed organ

31 Handful of

32 Try out

33 Legal expert

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38 Lecturer's aid

41 Full of energy

42 Because of

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1 Deep groove

2 Penny prez

3 Utility knife

4 Soaking spot

5 "Not true!"

6 Gas gauge reading

7 Wharf

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9 Feasted

10 Rap's — Nas X

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: STAY AFRAID, BUT DO IT ANYWAY, JUST DO IT AND EVENTUALLY THE CONFIDENCE WILL FOLLOW. — CARRIE FISHER

## Millennial Money: 4 money moves to make before baby arrives



In this Aug. 7, 2018 photo, a doctor performs an ultrasound scan on a pregnant woman at a hospital in Chicago.

Associated Press

By KELSEY SHEEHY of Nerd-Wallet

The arrival of a new baby is all-consuming. In the early weeks, your waking hours are a cycle of feedings, diaper changes and Googling "Is it normal for a baby to (fill in the blank)."

Mustering the energy and attention span for otherwise routine tasks like showering and paying bills can feel like a tall order. You'll be lucky to remember what day it is, much less when your next credit card payment is due.

Do your future, sleep-deprived self a favor and start prepping your finances early into your pregnancy so things can run on autopilot for a while after the baby arrives.

If you don't already have a budget, start there, says Cecilia Williams, a mother, certified financial planner and the chief operating officer of Halbert Hargrove, a financial planning firm.

"Outline all your current income and expenses so you and your partner have a solid understanding of where your money goes each month," Hargrove says. "This will absolutely need to be adjusted as you get closer to your due date, so having a starting point is priority No. 1."

Then build a plan for managing the other costs, large and small, that come with having a baby.

### RESEARCH THE COST TO DELIVER YOUR CHILD

The price tag for childbirth is steep. The average cost for delivery can range from \$10,000 to \$20,000, de-

pending on where you live. Even with insurance, new parents can expect to pay several thousand dollars out of pocket for maternity care.

Contact your insurer or the hospital where you plan to deliver to get more specific numbers. Then take a deep dive into your health care coverage to understand your coinsurance, deductible, maximums and coverage limits.

Anthem, United Healthcare and other major insurers have tools you can use to get estimates of total and out-of-pocket costs, based on your plan.

Use these figures to set a realistic savings goal to cover them.

Have access to a flexible spending account? If timing allows, set your contributions to save incrementally, tax-free for your hospital bills. When hospital bills start rolling in, you can pay directly from your FSA or use a rewards credit card and submit for reimbursement.

### PLAN AHEAD FOR PARENTAL LEAVE

Paid parental leave is far from guaranteed. In fact, only 11 states and Washington, D.C., have paid leave laws, some of which won't take effect for several years. And only 25% of employers offer some form of paid leave, according to a 2019 survey of employer health benefits by KFF, the nonpartisan health care think tank formerly known as the Kaiser Family Foundation.

If you have paid leave

through your employer, ask questions early. Find out how many weeks are covered and at what percentage of your salary. Do you need to use vacation and sick time first?

You also want to know when and how your benefits will be paid out, especially if they'll come from multiple sources. Trust me, you don't want to be one week postpartum emailing your benefits provider to unravel the logistics of your leave payments.

If you don't have access to paid leave, or you're planning to take additional unpaid time, practice living on the reduced income to the extent possible. This will help you identify optional expenses to reduce or eliminate and help you build a savings cushion before your baby's arrival.

### START 'PAYING' FOR CHILD CARE

Child care is the single largest monthly expense for most new parents. Get a jump start by "paying" for day care well before your baby arrives.

Put the money into a separate savings account ideally one that earns interest every week or month.

This helps you adjust to the new expense and allows you to bank a few months of child care costs that you can tap for upfront costs like deposits and application fees.

Not sure what child care costs in your area? Ask around your friend group or local parent group to get a sense of what day care, a nanny or other arrangements cost.

You can also build other baby essentials, like diapers, formula and wipes, into your budget now, making an educated guess. It doesn't need to be perfect; you can adjust down the road.

### AUTOMATE BILLS AND CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

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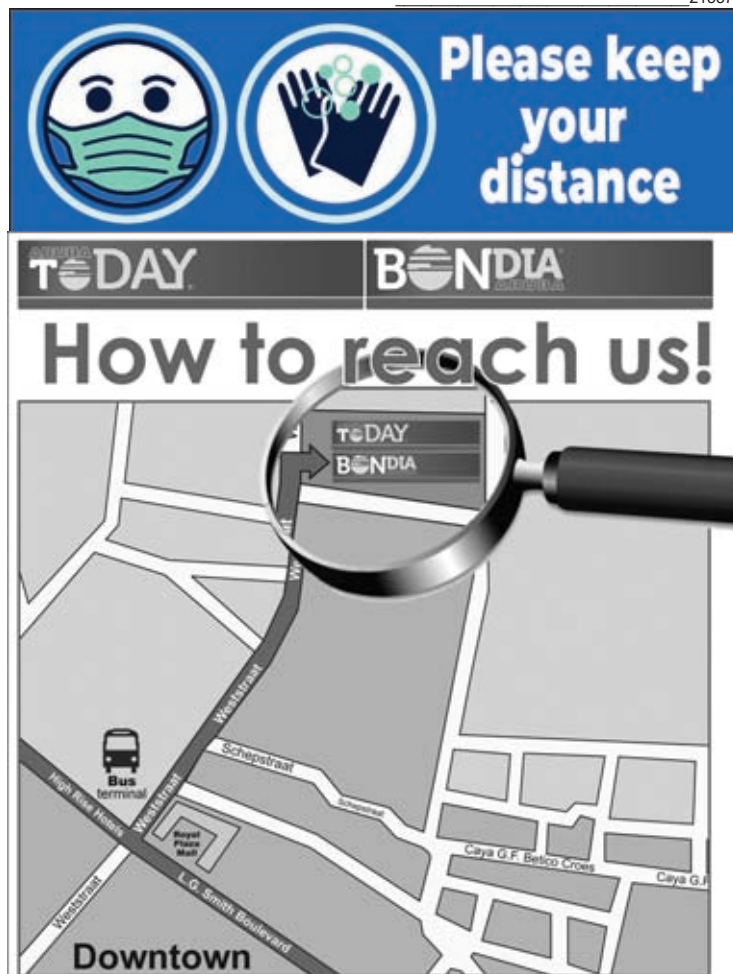


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## Review: Dakota Johnson brings a modern spark to 'Persuasion'

By **LINDSEY BAHR**

The new adaptation of "Persuasion," coming to Netflix Friday, does not seem to have been made for Jane Austen fans.

Her book about the unmarried Anne Elliot, who at 27 is on the edge of spinsterhood and regretting having been persuaded to give up her true love years earlier because of his lowly status, was the author's last before her death. It is notable and beloved for how it's distinct from her more widely known and adapted books like "Pride and Prejudice" and "Emma," with its mature heroine, its more reserved wit and its distinctly melancholy undertones. "Persuasion" also boasts one of her most romantic monologues.

This version, directed by British theater veteran Carrie Cracknell and starring Dakota Johnson as Anne, inserts modern phrases and "Fleabag" tropes into a Regency-era setting. It is like an Austen amuse bouche — an entry-level cover version that tries to rev up the humor and speak directly to Gen Z by using its lingo — or at least an advertising executive's idea of what Gen Z sounds like. But something feels off about the way it is executed.



This image released by Netflix shows Dakota Johnson in a scene from "Persuasion."

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Austen's works are hardly impenetrable for modern audiences. Over 200 years later, they remain accessible and relevant. There's a reason why it seems like every year there's several Austen-inspired films or shows populating our screens (just this summer we've gotten "Fire Island" and "Mr. Malcolm's List"). Her stories have not only stood the test of time but have also bloomed in delightful ways in modern contexts. Just look at "Clueless" and "Bridget Jones's Diary."

This "Persuasion" has a whiff of condescension to it, as though it doesn't trust its audience to empathize with Anne without seeing her crying in a bathtub and chugging wine from the bottle while she tells us in voiceover that she's "thriving." Maybe the crying in the bathtub/wine bit has just been done too many times. You can't help but feel that Johnson, a gifted comedienne, deserved something more creative and less cliché. And yet Johnson does man-

age to sell much of it. She is subtle where many might choose something big and breaks the fourth wall like she's letting us in on a secret. It may be "Fleabag"-esque, but she's not imitating Phoebe Waller-Bridge. She's making it her own. In fact, most of the cast is rather vibrant and full of newish discoveries — especially Cosmo Jarvis (who some will recognize from "Lady Macbeth") as Anne's old love Frederick Wentworth. She rejected him at 19 at the advice of a men-

tor (the lovely Nikki Amuka-Bird) and has come back into her life eight years later with wealth and good standing. He is now, as far as society is concerned, a man of consequence. Jarvis, with his mournful eyes, warm smile and inscrutable intentions, is a perfect Austen leading man. And he and Johnson, even when across the room from one another, have a spark. The pint-sized Mia McKenna-Bruce is viciously funny as Anne's younger sister Mary while Nia Towle is the picture of innocence as Louisa. Richard E. Grant, as Anne's vain father Walter Elliot, adds life as well but he's sparingly used. Henry Golding also has fun playing a cad, Mr. Elliot.

The screenplay is credited to Ron Bass ("Rain Man," "My Best Friend's Wedding") and Alice Victoria Winslow, who had the good sense to preserve that famous monologue at the very least. But by the time we get there, it almost makes one wish that this were just a more straightforward adaptation without all the buzzwords. This cast and the director could have carried it and the audience would have been there. Or perhaps this will bring some fresh blood to Austen, after all. □



This image released by Random House Children's Books shows "Remember" by U.S. poet laureate Joy Harjo and Michaela Goade.

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## Joy Harjo picture book 'Remember' to come out next year

By **HILLEL ITALIE**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Joy Harjo, who recently completed a three-year run as the country's poet laureate, will have a picture book out next spring.

Random House Children's Books announced Wednesday that Harjo's "Remember," adapted from her celebrated poem of the same name, is scheduled for March 21, 2023. The book will feature illustrations by the award-winning Michaela Goade.

"In simple and direct language, Harjo, a member of the Mvskoke Nation, urges readers to pay close attention to who they are, the world they were born into, and how all inhabitants on

earth are connected," the publisher's announcement reads in part.

The poem "Remember," published nearly 40 years ago, is a tribute to the cosmos and our place in it. Admirers of "Remember" extend beyond the poetry community: NASA announced last year that some lines were included in a plaque/time capsule on a spacecraft headed for the Trojan asteroids orbiting Jupiter.

"'Remember' is one of my earliest poems. It came together as I was first becoming a poet, and needed to remind myself about what mattered," Harjo said in a statement. "Every one of us needs spiritual food for

how to negotiate this life of struggles and beauty. The poem has a life of its own. This poem has accompanied me much of my life. It is on a spacecraft heading to Jupiter, it is a song, dances have been made of it, and it has been translated into my Mvskoke language."

Harjo, 71, was the first Native American to serve as poet laureate. Earlier this week, the Library of Congress announced she would be succeeded by Ada Limón. Goade's illustrations for Carole Lindstrom's "We Are Water Protectors" brought her a Caldecott Medal in 2021, the first time a Native had received the prestigious children's prize. □



# Vingegaard seizes Tour lead after 1st big mountain stage

**COL DU GRANON, France (AP)** — The first big mountain stage shook things up at the Tour de France as defending champion Tadej Pogacar wilted toward the end of Wednesday's 11th stage and lost the yellow jersey.

Jonas Vingegaard and his team Jumbo-Visma were the big winners on the stage as the Danish rider claimed the famed jersey from Pogacar, the two-time defending champion who had been the dominant rider so far but cracked in the final ascent on Wednesday and fell more than 2 minutes behind.

Vingegaard and his teammates put on an impressive collective display throughout the day, with clever tactics early in the race and multiple attacks that ultimately unsettled Pogacar.

Vingegaard moved away from Pogacar in the brutal climb to the top of the Col du Granon to enjoy a winning finish to an epic day in the Alps. The 152-kilometer stage featured two other monster ascents, the daunting Col du Telegraphe and Col du Galibier.



**Stage winner and new overall leader Denmark's Jonas Vingegaard celebrates as he crosses the finish line during the eleventh stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 152 kilometers (94.4 miles) with start in Albertville and finish in Col du Granon Serre Chevalier, France, Wednesday, July 13, 2022.**

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It was Vingegaard's first stage win at cycling's biggest race. The Danish rider was runner-up last year in the general classification behind Pogacar.

"When I attacked I felt he was going to crack," Vingegaard said. "This time I wanted victory. And I succeeded, and now I have

the yellow jersey to keep on fighting all the way to Paris."

Vingegaard was first at the summit, 59 seconds ahead of Nairo Quintana, with Romain Bardet in third place, 1:10 behind. Geraint Thomas, the 2018 Tour winner, was fourth, 1:38 off the pace.

After 11 stages, Vingegaard leads Bardet by 2 minutes, 16 seconds. Pogacar moved down to third, 2:22 back.

With his teammate Primož Roglič, Vingegaard relentlessly attacked Pogacar in the thin air. But every time they tried to isolate the leader from the UAE-Emir-

ates team on the Galibier — the highest point of this year's route at 2,642 meters above sea level — the Slovenian rider responded calmly.

Pogacar even smiled at TV cameras at the foot of the punishing final climb. Guided by teammate Rafal Majka, Pogacar rode at the front of the main contenders' group but the Jumbo-Visma riders' attrition work finally paid off.

"On the Galibier, over the top, he was very strong," Vingegaard said. "I was insecure whether he was going full gas or not. Then I thought that, if I didn't try all out, I was never gonna win. And of course a second place is nice, but I did it last year already."

When Vingegaard attacked again with 5 kilometers to go, Pogacar just couldn't respond and got dropped. With his yellow jersey wide open, the battered champion struggled until the end.

Vingegaard said the team's strategy for the day had been planned months in advance, in a bid to make the most of their strong collective. □

## Goalies on the move: Kuemper to Capitals, Campbell to Oilers

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**  
AP Hockey Writer

**ARLINGTON, Va. (AP)** — The goalie shuffle around the NHL kept right on rolling when free agency opened Wednesday, with the Washington Capitals signing a Stanley Cup champion to stabilize the position and the Edmonton Oilers trying to do the same.

The Capitals signed Darcy Kuemper to a \$26.25 million, five-year contract less than three weeks after he backstopped Colorado to its first title since 2001. The 32-year-old Kuemper will carry the load for a perennial playoff team that also signed Charlie Lindgren as a backup.

Since the Cup Final ended in late June, 19 goaltenders who played in the NHL last season have changed teams.

Kuemper knew he was

leaving the Avalanche when they traded for and signed Alexandar Georgiev to replace him.

"You never know where you're going to end up," Kuemper said. "A lot of unknown. You just can't think about it too much because you'll drive yourself crazy. But everything happens for a reason and it worked out and ended up with a great organization, a great team and super excited for it."

Edmonton signed former Toronto Maple Leafs goalie Jack Campbell to a \$25 million, five-year deal. Campbell has yet to win a playoff series but put up impressive numbers during the first round last year and will now be counted on to try to help Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl win a championship after Mike Smith was inconsistent in goal for the Oilers this post-

season.

"Obviously it's such an important position (when you're trying) to win," Edmonton general manager Ken Holland said. "Certainly probably as much movement this year as there was in a long, long time."

Now four years removed from hoisting the Cup, the Capitals made moves to get into the goalie market, totally remaking their situation in net just as general manager Brian MacLellan promised. They traded Vitek Vanecek to New Jersey, let Ilya Samsonov leave rather than qualify him as a restricted free agent and added Lindgren on a three-year deal worth \$3.3 million.

Samsonov, once considered a top prospect, signed a budget contract with the Maple Leafs: \$1.8 million for next season, or roughly



**Colorado Avalanche goaltender Darcy Kuemper (35) kneels in front of the goal during the first period of Game 6 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals against the Tampa Bay Lightning on Sunday, June 26, 2022, in Tampa, Fla.**

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half of what the Capitals expected the 25-year-old Russian to get in arbitration. Toronto is pairing Samsonov with Matt Murray, acquired from Ottawa just days earlier. The Senators added Cam Talbot in a trade with Minnesota after the Wild re-

signed Marc-Andre Fleury. Murray will count slightly less against the cap in Toronto than Campbell in Edmonton. Leafs GM Kyle Dubas said the difference was the two years left on Murray's contract compared with Campbell wanting five. □



# Lindor leads Mets' HR barrage in 7-3 win over Morton, Braves

By CHARLES ODUM

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Francisco Lindor led New York's home-run barrage with a three-run shot, Chris Bassitt threw six strong innings and the Mets beat the Atlanta Braves 7-3 on Wednesday. The NL East-leading Mets won two of three in the series and lead the second-place Braves by 2 1/2 games.

Eduardo Escobar and Mark Canha also homered for the Mets.

Eddie Rosario had three hits, including one of Atlanta's three homers — all solo shots.

Bassitt (7-6) improved to 5-2 in eight road starts this season by allowing one run on five hits with six strikeouts and two walks.

Atlanta's Charlie Morton (5-



New York Mets left fielder Mark Canha (19) hits a solo home run in the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves, Wednesday, July 13, 2022, in Atlanta.

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4) gave up five runs on six hits, including three homers, and three walks in five-

plus innings. The three homers allowed matched his career high.

Escobar's 10th homer carried 426 feet above the Chop House restaurant in the right field stands, giving the Mets a 1-0 lead in the second.

New York pushed the lead to 4-0 in the third on Lindor's three-run homer, his 16th, also to right field. Lindor's blast followed Morton's walk to Tomás Nido and a single by Brandon Nimmo. Canha opened the sixth by lining his seventh homer over the left field wall.

The Braves had baserunners in each of Bassitt's six innings, but the right-hander had answers for every challenge in the first five. The Braves had runners on second and third with two outs in the fourth, but Adam Duvall's grounder to Lindor at shortstop ended the threat.

Bassitt threw five scoreless innings before Matt Olson led off the sixth with his 15th homer. Austin Riley added his 25th homer off Drew Smith in the eighth. Rosario led off the ninth with a homer off Tommy Hunter. Robinson Canó, making his second start at second base since he was acquired by Atlanta for \$1 in a minor league deal with San Diego, had one hit, a seventh-inning single.

Morton allowed three homers for the third time in his career and the first time since April 14, 2010 with Pittsburgh at San Francisco. He walked at least three batters for the ninth time in 18 games started this season. □

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